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SUBJ: DPC MEETING, APR 24: DISCUSSION OF DPC HANDLING OF DRAFT  
FORCE GOALS

SUMMARY: AT DPC MEETING APR 24, ACTING SYG RAISED QUESTION OF  
DPC PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING DRC REPORT ON DRAFT FORCE GOALS.  
PERMREPS AND CHAIRMAN MC WELCOMED RUMSFELD'S SUGGESTION THAT  
DPC RECEIVE PRESENTATION OF ALLIANCE-WIDE OR REGIONAL IMPACT  
OF DRAFT FORCE GOALS. ACTING SYG PROPOSED MAY 27 AS DATE FOR  
PRESENTATION, BUT AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE PRESENTATION PRIOR  
TO MAY 15. END SUMMARY

1. AT DPC MEETING APR 24, ACTING SYG PANSAL, UNDER ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS, RAISED QUESTION OF DPC PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING DRC  
REPORT ON DRAFT FORCE GOALS. HE NOTED THAT DRC HAD NEARLY  
COMPLETED ITS WORK AND WOULD SOON BE FORWARDING A REPORT ON  
DRAFT FORCE GOALS TO THE DPC. HE WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION IN  
RUMSFELD'S LETTER OF APR 18 (SEPTTEL) THAT THE DPC SHOULD  
RECEIVE A PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS ON AN  
ALLIANCE-WIDE OR REGIONAL BASIS. PANSAL BELIEVED SUCH A PRESENTA-  
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TION WOULD RESULT IN FULLER AND MORE ACTIVE PERMREPS'S  
PARTICIPATION IN APPROVING NATO FORCE GOALS. HE PROPOSED THAT  
ASYG HUMPHREYS AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITY PREPARE A  
JOINT PRESENTATION TO DEPICT THE GENERAL IMPACT OF DRAFT FORCE

GOALS ON THE ALLIANCE'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

2. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM), PECK (UK) AND MENZIES (CANADA)  
CONCURRED IN THE DESIRABILITY OF A PRESENTATION AS DESCRIBED.

3. ASYG HUMPHREYS SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESENTATION INCLUDE: A BRIEF RESUME OF THE FORCE GOALS BY REGIONS; A REVIEW OF THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF FORCES IN THOSE REGIONS; A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE FORCE GOALS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES; AN ASSESSMENT BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE GENERAL MILITARY EFFECT OF THE FORCE GOALS, AFTER WHICH THE DPC COULD DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE FORCE GOALS. ADM HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN MC) CONCURRED. HE WELCOMED THE US AND DPC INITIATIVE FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE, FOR THE PRESENTATION, A MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FORCE PROPOSALS AND THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS, AND THE EFFECT OF THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS ON THE DEFENSE POSTURE OF THE ALLIANCE.

4. ACTING SYG PANSA RAISED THE QUESTION OF TIMING FOR THE PRESENTATION. HILL-NORTON STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESENTATION AND REQUESTED ADEQUATE TIME FOR ITS PREPARATION. PANSA SUGGESTED THAT NATIONS' WORK ON REPLIES TO DPQ 74 NOT BE HELD UP AWAITING DPC APPROVAL OF FORCE GOALS. HE SUGGESTED THE WEEK OF MAY 20 FOR THE PRESENTATION, EVEN THOUGH SYG LUNS WOULD NOT BE PRESENT. RUMSFELD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE ALSO WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AND SUGGESTED MOVING UP THE PRESENTATION DATE TO THE WEEK OF MAY 13. HILL-NORTON AND DE STAERCKE ARGUED THAT SHAPEX (MAY 15-17) PRECLUDED A PRESENTATION THAT WEEK; DE STAERCKE URGED THAT SYG AND RUMSFELD BE PRESENT FOR PRESENTATION. IN RESPONSE TO RUMSFELD'S SUGGESTION, PANSA AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE PRESENTATION READY BEFORE SHAPEX; IF THAT WAS NOT POSSIBLE, DPC WOULD RECEIVE PRESENTATION MAY 27.  
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